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Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 87.03 RCW to read as follows:

An irrigation district must disclose on each billing statement the rates of state and local taxes imposed on the district with respect to the billed services, if any. The district must also disclose the amount of any such taxes to be paid directly by the customer or taxpayer through the billing statement. If a district does not issue billing statements for any of the services it provides, it must make the state and local tax information in this section for each such service available upon the request of any taxpayer within its boundaries.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 35.58 RCW to read as follows:

A metropolitan municipal corporation must disclose on each billing statement the rates of state and local taxes imposed on the corporation with respect to the billed services, if any. The corporation must also disclose the amount of any such taxes to be paid directly by the customer or taxpayer through the billing statement. If a corporation does not issue billing statements for any of the services it provides, it must make the state and local tax information in this section for each such service available upon the request of any taxpayer within its boundaries.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 54.04 RCW to read as follows:

A public utility district must disclose on each billing statement the rates of state and local taxes imposed on the district with respect to the billed services, if any. The district must also disclose the amount of any such taxes to be paid directly by the customer or taxpayer through the billing statement. If a district does not issue billing statements for any of the services it provides, it must make the state and local tax information in this section for each such service available upon the request of any taxpayer within its boundaries.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 85.08 RCW to read as follows:

Diking, drainage, and sewerage improvement districts must disclose on each billing statement the rates of state and local taxes imposed on the district with respect to the billed services, if any. The districts must also disclose the amount of any such taxes to be paid directly by the customer or taxpayer through the billing statement. If a district does not issue billing statements for any of the services it provides, it must make the state and local tax information in this section for each such service available upon the request of any taxpayer within its boundaries.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 36.58A RCW to read as follows:

Solid waste collection districts must disclose on each billing statement the rates of state and local taxes imposed on the district with respect to the billed services, if any. The districts must also disclose the amount of any such taxes to be paid directly by the customer or taxpayer through the billing statement. If a district does not issue billing statements for any of the services it provides, it must make the state and local tax information in this section for each such service available upon the request of any taxpayer within its boundaries.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 36.58 RCW to read as follows:

Solid waste disposal districts must disclose on each billing statement the rates of state and local taxes imposed on the district with respect to the billed services, if any. The districts must also disclose the amount of any such taxes to be paid directly by the customer or taxpayer through the billing statement. If a district does not issue billing statements for any of the services it provides, it must make the state and local tax information in this section for each such service available upon the request of any taxpayer within its boundaries.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 36.95 RCW to read as follows:

Television reception improvement districts must disclose on each billing statement the rates of state and local taxes imposed on the district with respect to the billed services, if any. The districts must also disclose the amount of any such taxes to be paid directly by the customer or taxpayer through the billing statement. If a district does not issue billing statements for any of the services it provides, it must make the state and local tax information in this section for each such service available upon the request of any taxpayer within its boundaries.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 57.02 RCW to read as follows:

Water-sewer districts must disclose on each billing statement the rates of state and local taxes imposed on the district with respect to the billed services, if any. The districts must also disclose the amount of any such taxes to be paid directly by the customer or taxpayer through the billing statement. If a district does not issue billing statements for any of the services it provides, it must make the state and local tax information in this section for each such service available upon the request of any taxpayer within its boundaries.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 35.92 RCW to read as follows:

A city or town operating as a municipal utility under this chapter must disclose on each billing statement the rates of state and local taxes imposed on the municipal utility with respect to the billed services, if any. The city or town must also disclose the amount of any such taxes to be paid directly by the customer or taxpayer through the billing statement. If a city or town does not issue billing statements for any of the services it provides as a municipal utility, it must make the state and local tax information in this section for each such service available upon the request of any taxpayer within its service boundaries.

**Sec.**  RCW 19.29A.030 and 1998 c 300 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

Except as otherwise provided in RCW 19.29A.040, an electric utility ((~~shall~~)) must:

(1) Provide notice to all of its retail electric customers that the disclosures required in RCW 19.29A.020 are available without charge upon request. Such notice ((~~shall~~)) must be provided at the time service is established and either included as a prominent part of each customer's bill or in a written notice mailed to each customer at least once a year thereafter. Required disclosures ((~~shall~~)) must be provided without charge, in writing using plain language that is understandable to an ordinary customer, and presented in a form that is clear and conspicuous((~~.~~));

(2) Provide written or electronic notice of public hearings where changes in electricity rates will be considered or approved by the commission or governing body, in a form and manner as may be required by the commission or governing body;

(3) Disclose on each billing statement the rate of tax imposed upon the electric utility under RCW 35.21.870, if any, and the amount of such tax to be paid directly by the retail electric customer through the billing statement;

(4) Disclose the following information in a prominent manner on all billing statements sent to retail electric customers, or by a separate written notice mailed to all retail electric customers at least quarterly and at the same time as a billing statement: "YOUR BILL INCLUDES CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY, DELIVERY SERVICES, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD, METERING, TAXES, CONSERVATION EXPENSES, AND OTHER ITEMS.""

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On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "districts;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 19.29A.030; adding a new section to chapter 87.03 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35.58 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 54.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 85.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.58A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.58 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.95 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 57.02 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 35.92 RCW."

EFFECT: (1) Requires local districts offering utility-type services to disclose the rates of state and local taxes imposed on the district, if any, on each billing statement. The districts must also disclose the amount of any such taxes paid directly by the customer through the billing statement. Tax information for services for which no billing statements are issued must be made available upon request.

(2) Requires each electric utility to provide either written or electronic notice of public hearings where changes in electricity rates will be considered or approved by the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) or governing body. Electric utilities must disclose the local tax rate imposed on the electric utility by a city or town on each billing statement.